

California

Student Aid Commission

CSAC Update

2018 CCCSFAAA Conference

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Financial Aid Consolidation Report

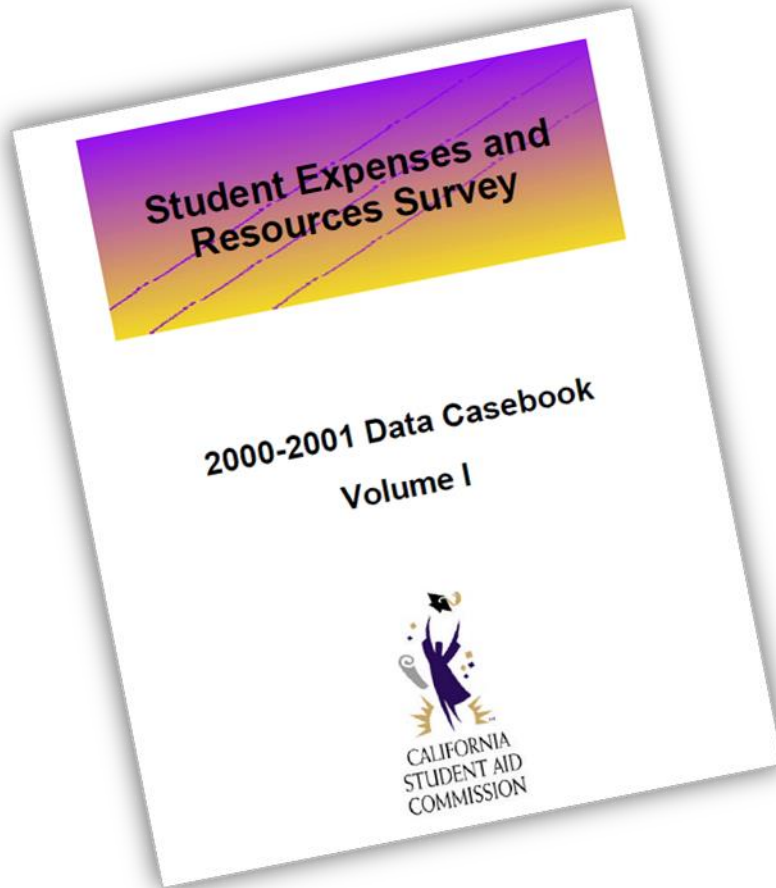
- Built off of the Degrees Not Debt proposal
- Seeking to:
 - Identify options for improving affordability at CA colleges and universities
 - Suggest methods for streamlining and consolidating existing programs
 - Find strategies to reduce or eliminate the need to rely on student loan debt
- The program would begin in the 2019-20 academic year
- Report was presented at the March 8-9 Commission Meeting

Financial Aid Consolidation Report

Recommendations:

- Simplify the system to increase student access and understanding and reduce bureaucratic red tape:
 - One Cal Grant entitlement available without regard to students' age, time out of high school, high school GPA, or other factors
- Shift from focus on tuition to focus on entire student budget or "cost of attendance" to better meet students' financial need
 - Minimize reliance on work and loans for all California students

Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS)



- Tool to determine the costs associated with obtaining a postsecondary education in California (Education Code 69514)
- An Advisory Committee has been formed to identify the questions to be included in the survey and timeline for administering it (currently meeting regularly).
- The goal is to have survey results analyzed to develop the 2019-20 student expense budgets.



Why This Study is Important

- Large scale and high quality
- All segments
- Insights on non-traditional students
- Regional variations

***Inform state & national
conversations on
financial aid policy***

Covers Full Range of Expenses & Outcome

Housing

*Including
housing security*

Food

*Including food
security*

Transportation

**Books &
Supplies**

Personal Care

Health Costs,
*including
uncovered by
insurance*

**Dependent
Care**

Employment

Other income,
*including perception of
adequacy*

Timeline: What's Happened and What's Next?

Survey development



Sampling



Study approvals



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What's The Same and What's New

Same

- Core questions to calculate student budget
- Capture types of resources
- Include all higher education segments

New

- Web-based survey for all segments
- Consistent sampling and administration
- Alignment with surveys capturing basic needs
- Regional estimates



What We Learned From Students

- Were questions understandable?
- Did we cover main topics?
- How can we encourage responses?

"Kind of got it all"

"Was broken down pretty well"

"Helps to know there's a solution"

"The most important thing is the time it takes"

"Known and trusted source"

Grant Delivery Modernization Project (GDSDM)

PROJECT SCHEDULE



- The GDSDM team continues to work with the CDT through the state's Stage/Gate project approval lifecycle.
- Currently progressing through the Stage 3 Solution Development Phase
- Stage 3 involves developing Business Architecture, Information Architecture, Technology Architecture and crafting an RFP or multiple RFOs to hire contracted services

2018-19 Race to Submit



- ❖ Statewide Campaign and Dashboard tool to encourage high schools and districts to track and increase the total number of completed financial aid applications through the March 2 Cal Grant deadline.

2018 Cal Grant Regional Training

- Geared towards new/newer financial aid administrators
- 2-day training conducted in May and June
- Confirmed and potential hosts for 2018:

San Diego Christian College	Confirmed host
Cañada College	Confirmed host
University of Southern California	Confirmed host
UC Merced – Fresno Campus	Confirmed host
Los Angeles Mission College	Confirmed host
Palo Alto University	Potential location
Sacramento County Office of Education	Confirmed host

- Topics that will be covered:
 - Cal Grant Program Overview
 - Payments and Reconciliation
 - Navigating WebGrants
 - Institutional Eligibility
 - Middle Class Scholarship and Specialized Programs
- Registration is scheduled to open by the end of March (Grant Special Alert)

Educational Level Verification

- 2017-18 first year of performing EL Verification
- Confusion over using maximum grade level of two for community college campus/segment or using earned units
- Initial results show some campuses verifying maximum grade level of two, while others use earned units
- CSAC recommendation....

Cal Grant C

Award Year	C-Supplements Sent	C-Supplements Received	C-Supplement % Returned	Offered Awardees	Paid Recipients	Paid Percentage of 7,761 awards
2014-15	63,050	11,763	18.66%	11,111	6,188	79.73%
2015-16	58,937	9,007	15.28%	8,558	4,293	55.32%
2016-17	36,224	7,738	21.36%	7,508	4,490	57.85%
2017-18	57,585	10,477	18.19%	9,383	5,194	66.92%



Cal Grant C

- Are the C-Supplements sent to the wrong students?
- How can we increase more participation with higher C-supplements returned, paid rates?
- Continued discussion with CCCCO and EDGE Coalition
- Data exchange opportunities

Cal Grant Competitive Scoring Matrix

- Issue with competitive applicants not receiving points in the socioeconomic category (80 pts) due to the skip logic in the FAFSA
 - federal benefits (SNAP, TANF, etc.)
- The Commission adopted a short-term solution at its March Commission Meeting which reallocates the 80 pts of the socioeconomic category to the other four 80-pt categories.
- The goal is to structure the competitive scoring matrix to offer the limited awards to the neediest students.

Expected Family Contribution	250
Family Income & Household Size	250
Grade Point Average	100
Household Status	100
Education/Access Equalizer	100
Parent Education Level	100
Disadvantaged/ Socioeconomic Indicators	0
Family/Environmental Indicators	100

Competitive Paid Rates

	Community College Paid	Community College Paid Percentage of 27,120	Total Overall Paid	Total Paid Percentage of 25,750
2017-18	16,200	60%	22,241	86.4%

Award Cycle	Initial Cutoff Score	Post-Recycle Cutoff Score	Unpaid Awards Withdrawn	Awarded in Recycle
March 2, 2017	647	620	5,853	5,518
Sept. 2, 2017	662	652	3,199	3,176
		Total →	9,052	8,694

2018-19 CA Dream Act Application

- New Dream Act Applications by Academic Year

Data as of 3/7/2018

	2015-16 Counts	2016-17 Counts	2017-18 Counts	2018-19 Counts
On Time (met March 2 deadline)	30,775	34,207	36,135	37,612
After March 2	12,909	14,077	13,530	328
Total Applications	43,684	48,284	49,665	37,940

*Not the final counts for 2017-18 & 2018-19

- Outreach efforts prior to March 2nd deadline included:

- Joint letter with the California Department of Education
- Participated in Univision's financial aid phone banks
- Numerous emails sent to Dream Act students
- Provided several media interviews (Executive Director)
- Press release encouraging FAFSA and CADAA submissions

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CA Dream Act Paid Rates

Data as of 03/12/2018

Segment	2016-17			2017-18			2018-19		
	Offered Awardees	Paid Recipients	Paid Rate	Offered Awardees	Paid Recipients	Paid Rate	Offered Awardees	Paid Recipients	Paid Rate
Community College	4,745	2,667	56%	4,847	1,915	40%	1,545	0	0%
All Segments	9,181	6,248	68%	9,450	5,023	53%	4,657	0	0%

- Opportunities to improve paid rates for Dream Act students attending CCCs
 - Open discussion

2019-20 CADAA Workgroup

- 2019-20 Workgroup reconvened in January 2018, to identify potential enhancements to the application
- CADAA Training Site available
 - A test site that allows users to fill out an application without submitting it
 - Primarily for counselors or staff who want to become familiar with the application before working with students

https://training.csac.ca.gov/DreamApp_TRN/Default.aspx



Solicitud Dream Act de California
 Para Estudiantes Eligibles
 Julio 1, 2018 - Junio 30, 2019

California Dream Act Application
 for AB 540 Eligible Students
 July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019
www.cadreamact.org

Do you hold a United States Visa?
 The following students cannot receive federal financial aid through the FAFSA or state financial aid through the California Dream Act Application and should contact their campus financial aid department for assistance: Non-immigrants granted one of the following visas: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, TN, TD, V, TPOV, and NATO.
 Please note: Holders of T-Visas should file the FAFSA and holders of U-Visas must file the California Dream Act Application.

Applying by the Deadlines
 Submit this application as early as possible, but no earlier than October 1, 2017. The Cal Grant final filing deadline is March 2, 2018 but we will process your application for other college programs as late as June 30, 2018. We will send this information to the colleges you list on your application. Your college may require additional forms and need your contact, complete information by any deadline that they may have. Check with your college counselor or a college financial aid administrator to see if they will be submitting your GPA. If they are not, check with your high school counselor or a college financial aid administrator to see if they will be submitting your GPA for you. If you are filing close to a deadline, we recommend you file online at www.cadreamact.org. This is the fastest, easiest way to apply for California Dream Act assistance.

Mailing your California Dream Act Application
 After you complete this application, make a copy of pages 3 through 8 for your records. Mail the original, signed application (pages 3 through 8) to: California Student Aid Commission, Cal Grant Operations, P.O. Box 419077, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9077. After your application is processed, the Commission will send the results to the colleges listed on the application. If you provide an e-mail address, the Commission will be able to contact you if we need more information. To make changes to your California Dream Act Application, go to www.cadreamact.org or call 888-224-7268.

Using Your Tax Return
 If you (or your parents) are required to file a 2011 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), we recommend that you complete it as soon as possible. If a return has not yet been filed, you can submit your California Dream Act Application using estimated tax information, and then correct that information after you file your return. Do not miss any of your college deadlines or the March 2, 2018 Cal Grant deadline. Filing out the California Dream Act Application with estimated tax information (such as loss of employment), or other unusual circumstances (such as high unreimbursed medical or dental expenses), complete this form to the extent you can and submit it as instructed. Consult with the financial aid office at the college(s) you applied to or plan to attend.

CA Chafee Grant for Foster Youth

- 2017-18 Award Summary
 - 3117 Active Awards
 - 1286 New
 - 1831 Renewals
- Award Distribution by Segment
 - 1973 CA Community College
 - 580 CSU
 - 152 UC
 - 214 Private
 - 198 Out of State

- 2018-19 Awarding (April date TBD)

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Web Grants Cal Grants Cash for College Cal Dream Act FAFSA

California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth

Free Money for Foster Youth for College or Career Training

What is Chafee? Chafee Eligibility Application Process Awarding Process More Information

Eligibility Requirements Eligibility Form

Chafee Foster Youth Eligibility Requirements

To qualify, you must meet the following criteria:

- > Be a current or former foster youth who was a ward of the court, living in foster care, for at least one day between the ages of 16 and 18.
- > Youth who are/were in kin-GAP, a non-related legal guardianship, or were adopted, are eligible only if the youth was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, for at least one day between the ages of 16 and 18.
- > Not have reached your 22nd birthday as of July 1st of the award year.

Key California Chafee Grant (Foster Youth) Information

October

Online Chafee Application, FAFSA, and CA Dream Act Application opens

Requirements

The following forms must be submitted:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid or CA Dream Act Application
- Chafee Grant Application (for first time applicants only)

Cash for College

- A total of 1,067 workshops were conducted through March 2, 2018 which served well over 30,000 students and their families (surveys).
- 589 Workshops to be completed before January 1, 2018
 - October – 370
 - November – 244
 - December – 98
 - January – 113
 - February – 233
 - March – 9





Program Compliance

- Introduction of New CSAC Audit Manager, Kirk Marston
- Update regarding 2017 Audit Plan and Prior Audits
- 2018 Audit Plan and Future Audits



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Questions?

Institutional Support Unit

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